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<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b> <b>FY 2005</b> (fees effective on or after October 1, 2004)		Docket Number (Optional) 1924DIV3CON2 (203-2145 DIV3CON2)	
Application Number 10/700,250		Filed November 3, 2003	
For <b>SURGICAL STAPLING APPARATUS</b>			
Art Unit 3721		Examiner Scott A. Smith	
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):			
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<input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.			
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number <u>21-0550</u> . I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.			
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I am the <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor.			
<input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed (Form PTO/SB/96).			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration Number <u>39,517</u>			
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<u>Christopher G. Trainor</u> Signature		<u>November 8, 2004</u> Date	
<u>Christopher G. Trainor</u> Typed or printed name		<u>631-501-5700</u> Telephone Number	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total of <u>1</u> forms are submitted.			

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)**

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